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goods as promptly as we would like.

Two Weeks More of Our Great CARPET SALE,

But our greatest of all cuts will be in our FURNITURE Department during April. Small
dealers through the country are asking how we do it at the price. Our warerooms are just
running over with new and up-to-date goods in every line. It will pay you to trade with
us—The Big House Furnishing Store of Orange County.

**C. EMMET CRAWFORD, 44-46 NORTH STREET,
MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.**

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Great Special Sale of Dry Goods for the Month Of April!

With the lowest prices ever given in Middletown at HART DAVIS'S, 45 North street. It presents an opportunity for
economical buying that nobody can afford to miss. Our store is crowded with the newest of new styles selected with experi-
enced care as to quality, style and variety. It is the place to get the right goods at the right prices.

Ladies' Wrappers

672 Wrappers for this great sale. Lot No. 1—Ladies' dressmaker made Wrappers, made from the very best percale, all dark styles, handsomely trimmed and perfect fitting, \$1.48. Lot No. 2—Ladies' Light Percale Wrappers, all dainty patterns, handsomely trimmed with Hamburg and double ruffle of the goods. A dainty house dress at \$1.20. Lot No. 3 is our great leader. Eight different styles in about twenty-five different colorings. Couldn't be better made by yourself for the money. All have extra vests of the same material, have bound seams, perfect fitting, come in both light and dark styles, 98c. Many stores would charge you \$1.50 for no better. Lot No. 4—Mostly all dark styles, made from percale and indigo blue prints and foulard cloth. Not one worth less than \$1. For this great sale 79c.

Separate Skirts

48 Black Figured Skirts, cut 3/4 yards wide, cambric lined, bound with velvet. As long as they last 98c. 72 Black Figured Brilliantine Skirts, cambric lined, velvet bound, all handsome patterns. As long as they last \$1.48. 24 Black Figured Brilliantine Skirts, rustle lined velvet faced, bound seams, \$1.98. 24 black silk finished plain Brilliantine Skirts, fancy black lining, satin waist band, couldn't be better made, \$3.68. Our tailor made Skirts, in all wool Serges, trimmed with three and five rows of Hercules braid. Our silk finished figured Brilliantine Skirts are worth \$5 in any store. For this sale \$3.98.

An Umbrella Bargain.

125 twilled carola silk umbrellas made with steel rods, Congo handles, Sterling silver trimmed, worth \$1.50; for this sale 98c. 75 pure silk Taffeta Umbrellas, steel rods, with silk case and tassels, Congo handles, worth \$2; for this sale \$1.48. The above are all black, 26 inches, good for rain or sun. Any lady who needs a fine umbrella can save just 50c by buying it at this sale.

Ladies' Ribbed Vests.

1,540 Ladies' Summer Ribbed Vests in this lot. 60 doz. ladies' white 15c ribbed vests, short sleeves, full sizes; as long as they last 10c. 60 doz. ladies' white 10c sleeveless vests, good sizes; as long as they last 5c. 25 doz. ladies' ribbed, extra size vest, sizes 7, 8, 9, sleeveless; as long as they last 15c, two for 25c.

Black and Fancy Underskirts.

Our underskirts are all made by a corset factory, corded with the corset bone, guaranteed to last as long as the skirt does or we refund the money. Black sateen skirts cut extra full, trimmed with fine ruffles, guaranteed fast black 98c, \$1.25, \$1.48, \$1.79. Fancy Perca Silk skirts, looks like silk and wears much better, \$1.98, \$2.25, \$2.68. Black Moreen Skirts \$1.98, \$2.98. Crash Underskirts for summer 98c, \$1.25, \$1.48.

Domestics.

Best Indigo Blue Prints 4c a yard; 8c all linen brown crash 6c yard; cotton crash 3/4 and 4c yard; 5-4 bleached pillow cases 7c; 5-4 best pillow cases 12c; 6-4 best bleached pillow cases 14c; best bleached sheets made, 40, 44, 48c; good bleached muslin 4 1/2c yard; best bleached muslin made 6 1/2c yard.

Dotted Swiss.

10 pieces fine dotted stripe and figured curtain Swiss, 36 inches wide, as long as it lasts, 12 1/2c yard. An odd lot of dotted Swiss, slightly soiled, sold from 25 to 40c yard, to close out quick 16c yard.

A Handkerchief Bargain.

1,200 white, real hem-stitched handkerchiefs, every lady ought to buy a dozen at the price as long as they last 2c each.

Black Dress Goods.

40 inch all wool black Serge, sold by all for 39c, for this sale 29c; 38 inch Black Brilliantine, the regular price 40c, for this sale 33c; 38 inch all wool, figured, black goods, regular price 50c, for this sale 40c; 43 inch Black Brilliantine, sold everywhere for 75c, for this sale 50c; 46 inch all wool Cravenette Black Serge, sold by all for 69c, for this sale 59c; 46 inch silk finish black Brilliantine, sold all over the world for \$1, for this sale 75c; 50 inch all wool silk finish black Serge, real value \$1.25, for this sale 89c.

Colored Dress Goods.

700 yards all wool fancy mixed dress goods manufactured to sell at 50c. We have just closed out the lot from the mill agents for spot cash so we can sell them for just half, 25c yard. The best bargains ever offered by any store. 12 pieces Covert Cloth in all the latest colorings, tans, light greys, apple, greens, new blues, 38, 40 and 46 inches wide, 50 and 75c yard.

A Silk Bargain.

600 yards black figured silk, 20 and 24 inches wide, all new goods, comes in small and large figures, made to sell for \$1. The manufacturer's loss is your gain. Just the thing for skirts or skirt waists as long as it lasts 69c.

Bicycle Dress Goods.

250 yards cotton covert, extra fine and heavy, sold in every store for 15c; comes in tans, greys and light olives, as long as this lot lasts 10c yard. All linen crash and linen suiting purchased by us in December at one-third less than we can buy the same goods to-day. Fine for crash skirts as long as it lasts 10, 12 1/2, 19c yard.

Dress Linings.

Best Kid Cambric 3c yard; 15c fast black and all colors in Perline 10c yard; best French real hair cloth all colors 25c yard; Silesia all shades and fast black 10c yard.

Lace Curtains.

Lot No. 1, Nottingham curtains, 3 yards long, 49c a pair; lot No. 2 Nottingham curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, 98c, \$1.25, \$1.48, \$1.68; lot No. 3 Brussels net curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, extra wide, all dainty new patterns, at \$1.98, \$2.48, \$2.98. Match them for double the price if you can.

Curtain Poles.

Ash, Cherry and Walnut Curtain Poles with brass trimmings complete, five feet long, 19c; white enamel poles with white and brass trimmings to match for this sale only 25c; best white enamel, five foot poles, with fixtures complete, 40c; 1 gross brass curtain rods, extend from 24 to 44 inches, for this sale 10c.

Corsets.

We keep all the standard makes of corsets at the right prices. Just now we mention four specials. 300 summer corsets made from fine strong netting, double tapes, making them extra strong; never been sold for less than 39c, as long as they last 29c. An extra long waisted summer corset made extra strong, perfect fitting, front steel have cloth protector to keep hooks from rubbing the waists; for this lot 40c. David's special corset made from extra quality, saten high bust, perfect fitting, worth 75c, our price 59c. P. U. Corset—This is our regular six hook corset, made from the very best stock, warranted perfect fitting, come in white, drab and black, 75c.

White Bed Spreads.

200 White Bed Spreads bought from the manufacturer at spot cash prices. If you need any this season buy now. 11-4 extra heavy 69c spread, all hemmed, ready for use, 49c; 11-4 and 12-4 extra heavy, all hemmed, ready for use, best value ever shown at 69, 98c; 12-4 real Marseilles Spread, sold all over the world for \$1.75, for this sale only \$1.29.

CRISIS NOW NEAR

President Working Hard
on His Message to
Congress.

WHAT SPAIN IS DOING.

Torpedo Flotilla to Stay at Cape
Verde For the Present.

DONS ASK CUBANS FOR ARMISTICE.

Spanish Ships Reported in Bad Condi-
tion—The Carlos V Sails For Ferrol.
Prospects For Mediation—Naval
Reserves on Duty.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The opinion almost universally held in Washington by leading public men and diplomats is that the crisis will reach its climax this week and that the question of war or peace will be determined within the next seven days. Senators and representatives met and conferred all day yesterday about the gravity of the situation, and at the White House the president counseled with several members of his cabinet and other confidential advisers regarding the message which he is preparing to send to congress. At the state, war and navy departments active work was going on, and altogether it was a day of suppressed feeling. No absolute day has been yet announced when the message is to be sent to congress. Possibly it will be sent tomorrow, but more probably Wednesday or Thursday.

In addition to the physical work of preparing the comprehensive document upon which the president expects to rest America's case with the world there are other reasons why those in charge of the war preparations will welcome every hour's delay. War material which we have ordered abroad is not yet shipped, and the factories in this country which are at work day and night making powder and projectiles are anxious for delay. Some of the factories in Connecticut with contracts have telegraphed Representative Hitt urging all the delay possible. They say every day now is precious.

There is still a divergence of opinion as to what the president will recommend in his message; indeed, there seems to be still a question as to whether the president will make any specific recommendations. Some of his most intimate friends, however, assert emphatically that his recommendations will be specific and vigorous and such that his party and the country would willingly follow where he points the way. One of these said last night that the president in his strong desire for peace and his earnest hope that war might possibly be avoided was yielding somewhat to the sentiment of the leadership of his party and the country. He has not given up hope yet that hostilities may be averted.

There are those who believe the president has not yet made up his mind as to the exact course he will pursue, and there seems to be a question as to whether the consular reports and the diplomatic correspondence are to be transmitted with the message. The suspense caused by the necessary delay in the preparation of the message is very trying upon members of both houses, and the most universally discussed question in Washington is whether congress can be restrained until the president's message is received.

The Spanish minister has received a dispatch from Havana stating that the autonomist cabinet there has addressed an appeal to the insurgents asking to arrange an armistice for the purpose of arriving at terms for peace. The full text of the message could not be secured, as its translation was not made at the legation. The insurgents are appealed to on the ground that they are all Cubans and should unite for peace and liberty which all want. The appeal also states that Spain is willing to enlarge the present scope of autonomy and will suggest such plan to the cortes, which is soon to meet.

The prospect of European mediation has aroused the keenest interest throughout diplomatic circles here, and although inquiry at the leading embassies and legations failed to disclose that any actual move had been made, yet such a move is anticipated almost any time, and when taken it is felt that it will be an important factor in the situation. It has been expected that France would be the first to act by a tender of her good offices. Up to last night, however, the French ambassador, M. Cambon, had received no instructions in this line. There is the same anticipation, but lack of definite action, in British, German and other diplomatic quarters.

It was stated by one of the embassies yesterday that any move for mediation would first assume form by an exchange of notes among the European powers, which could be done very speedily by telegraph in case a war crisis seemed at hand. In such event the general understanding among diplomats here is that Great Britain, France, Germany and Austria would be consulted, as their commercial interests would be seriously crippled by a war between the United States and Spain. While Russia and Italy also might be consulted owing to their influence in European affairs, yet their immediate interest in the Spanish-American conflict would be far less than that of the other countries mentioned.

It is probable that negotiations will be opened by this government with Denmark to allow cable messages to come over the French line from the Danish island of St. Thomas to the United States. With the Leeward Islands, of which St. Thomas is a center,

as the probable center of any naval operations which may result from the present crisis, it is recognized as of vital importance to secure cable facilities not controlled by Spain. At present the cable line touching at Puerto Rico is subject to Spanish control and is the only means of communicating with these islands. The French cable lands at St. Thomas, but the station is merely for testing purposes and messages are not received or delivered. It is now proposed to have this station turned over to a regular bureau, in which case the government could be brought into close communication with any naval rendezvous there. The establishment of the bureau will require the consent of Denmark, and it is probable this will be asked through the United States minister at Copenhagen within the next few days.

It is understood that the Danish government did not view with favor the recent propositions for the purchase of the island of St. Thomas by the United States for use as a coaling station, as it was felt a sale of the island at this time would be an unfriendly act toward Spain. This view was communicated to Washington, and was doubtless made known to the state department through the Danish minister here.

CHANGE IN PLANS.
Torpedo Flotilla to Remain at the Verde Islands For the Present.

MADRID, via Paris, April 4.—The Spanish cabinet has decided that the torpedo flotilla is to remain at the Cape de Verde islands until further orders.

The flotilla will be joined later by a squadron composed of the armored cruiser Emperador Carlos V of 9,235 tons, the cruiser Alfonso XIII of 5,000 tons, the armored cruiser Infanta Maria Teresa of 7,000 tons and the armored cruiser Cristobal Colon of 6,840 tons, which will accompany the torpedo flotilla to Cuba. It has also been decided by the government to send the armored cruisers Vizcaya and Almirante Oquendo, both of 7,000 tons, back to Havana. They will receive orders to this effect so soon as they sight Puerto Rico. A national subscription to strengthen the Spanish fleet will be organized by a royal decree, but the decree will not be published before a declaration of war.

The cabinet met and examined propositions for the arming of merchant vessels as privateers, but it has been decided to await events before coming to any decision on this subject. Finally, a telegram from the Spanish minister at Washington, Senor Polo y Bernabe, was read at the cabinet meeting, in which the minister said President McKinley would be overruled by congress. All parties are offering aid to the government. Even the Carlist chiefs are presenting themselves to Premier Sagasta proffering their services in the emergency.

The newspapers are denouncing the bishop of Barcelona on account of the letter which he wrote proposing the abandonment of Cuba provided Spain's commercial and religious interests are guaranteed. Other bishops are calling on the government to resist the United States and are offering money to aid the military and naval preparations. The newspapers say there is a great patriotic movement on foot throughout the provinces in aid of the naval fund.

The trial of the new cruiser Alfonso XIII is reported to have been carried out with satisfactory results. It is added that she will be commissioned to join the Havana squadron forthwith. The armored cruiser Emperador Carlos V has been ordered to leave at once for Ferrol.

The majority of the newspapers here today regard war as inevitable. They think General Stewart L. Woodford has communicated a final answer to the government. The Liberal says, "It is clear that no concession will satisfy the United States excepting the independence of Cuba, and we had better immediately end the uncertainty." The whole article of The Liberal on the subject is bellicose in tone.

The Pals asserts that great uneasiness prevails at Washington concerning the attitude of the southern states in case of war with Spain and also that the Spaniards are organizing in Mexico to invade the states violently wrested from the Mexican republic." In conclusion The Pals asserts that "It will not be all beer and skittles for the United States."

Much excitement was caused during the day by the receipt of a dispatch saying it is expected that the passports of the Spanish minister at Washington, Senor Polo y Bernabe, will be handed to him tomorrow.

AT THE CAPITAL.
Officers at Sea as to the Movements of the Spanish Torpedo Flotilla.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—There was comparative quiet about the White House and the departments yesterday. The members of the cabinet did not call on the president during the early part of the day, nor did they visit the departments. The White House was in its usual state of Sunday quietude. Assistant Secretary Day being the only person called. Secretary Long did not visit the navy department, but his mail was sent to his residence. Assistant Secretary Roosevelt was at the department for a short time attending to his correspondence. A number of naval officers and clerks were at their desks, principally those who have charge of active operations and the preparations that are progressing for equipping and supplying the navy.

The naval officers read with interest and discussed a Madrid bulletin regarding the movements of Spanish ships and the torpedo flotilla. It was said that the flotilla perhaps had encountered bad weather if it had attempted to sail direct for Puerto Rico and might have been driven to the Verde Islands. It was also said that experienced navigators were of opinion that the flotilla had taken the course it had in order to avoid adverse winds and find a better course by way of the Verde Islands than by taking a direct route. This course would save coal, as sail power could be used to advantage. Some naval officers were of opinion that they could

not trust wholly to Madrid information concerning the movements of Spanish war vessels at present, and especially if the Spanish admiralty thought advantage would be gained by misleading the American navy department.

COLWELL BUYS A SHIP.

English Sailors Cheer as the Stars and Stripes Are Hoisted on It.

LONDON, April 4.—A cruiser which Lieutenant Commander Colwell, United States naval attaché here, has just purchased from the Thames Iron works and over which he has hoisted the stars and stripes, was built by the Thames Iron works for Peru. It was finished during the war between Peru and Chile and the British government would not permit it to leave on account of the neutrality law.

The cruiser will coal and provision at once and sail tomorrow. Lieutenant Commander Colwell will enlist a part of his crew to-day, having filed the applications of American seamen, many of whom have applied at the United States embassy and consulate for enlistment. It has not been decided who will officer the ship, but possibly Lieutenant John J. Knapp will take command. He is expected here in a day or two on board the torpedo boat recently purchased for the United States government at the Schlechau yards, where she was built for Germany. Lieutenant Commander Colwell says American naval officers will be surprised to see how good a ship the new acquisition is. He is anxious to be transferred to active service on shipboard in the event of war.

The correspondent has ascertained from reliable sources that some of the Spanish ships are in bad condition. The Pelayo started from Toulon for Cartagena Saturday night in tow with 150 French workmen on board fixing up her boilers and making other repairs. The Emperador Carlos V has started from the Seine shipbuilding yards at Havre for Ferrol with a turret out of position and her guns unmounted. Neither ship will be ready for service for a month. They have left French waters presumably in the fear that war might begin before the repairs were finished, in which event they would not be permitted to leave.

LEAGUE ISLAND NEWS.

Old Monitors Soon to Be Put in Commission—More Naval Officers Arrive.

PHILADELPHIA, April 4.—There was the usual activity at the League Island navy yard yesterday. Work is being pushed night and day on the eight old monitors. The Catskill and Nahant have been taken out of the drydock and the Jason and Montauk put in. The Lehigh is ready to go in, and the Mahopac, Manhattan and Canonicus have been towed from the back channel to the docks, where they will be fitted with new boilers. Fifteen inch shells and solid shot were put on board the Catskill and Nahant yesterday.

Officers of the New York and Massachusetts naval reserves who have been ordered to the navy yard to take charge of the monitors have arrived here and reported to Commandant Casey.

The double turret monitor Miantonomah and the coast defense ram Katahdin, which have been ready to sail for some days, have as yet received no orders, but it is said that the Miantonomah will receive her orders soon.

The fine steam yacht Josephine, which the government has purchased from P. B. Widener of this city, arrived at the navy yard yesterday from Wilmington, Del., and will be immediately transformed into a gunboat. The Josephine is of 545 tons, 181 feet long, 25 feet beam and draws 15 feet of water. She was built in 1896.

A PLEA FOR PEACE.

Bishop Lawrence's Dwells on the Famous Saying, "War is Hell."

BOSTON, April 4.—Bishop William Lawrence, head of the Episcopal church of the diocese of Massachusetts, preached the sermon in the Emmanuel church, and it was a remarkable plea for an honorable peace in our dealings with other nations. After his opening reference to the gospel lesson, the bishop took up the question of Cuba. He said, in part:

"War is hell. That is the word, not of a Quaker, but of a great and brave general who knew war. War brings with it the unloosing of the passions of men, vengeance, hatred, deceit, plunder, slaughter, fire and sword, the groans of the wounded, the widow and the fatherless, poverty, wealth by gambling and stealing, demoralization in high places, taxation of the poor, neglect by thousands of the savings of the glorious nation of the savagery of war. There will be heroisms and sacrifice, but at what cost of national character!

"If war must come, let it come. But before it comes let us strain every nerve for peace, as becometh a Christian nation. The point is not whether Cuba must be freed today or whether we intervene today, but whether by diplomacy, by conciliation, by conference, by any means except war, the object which this nation in its sober judgment and not in excitement believes it should attain can be attained by peace. What boots it a few days or weeks of protest if this nation stands before the world and before God as having exhausted every means for a peaceful settlement before resort to arms?"

Marines Ordered East.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—The Marines on the coast defense vessel Monitor No. 1 have been ordered to the east and will depart at once for the Norfolk naval station. This is the first call on the actual fighting men stationed on this coast, though several officers had previously received orders to go to the Atlantic.

Francis Joseph Wants No Mediation.
LONDON, April 4.—The Berlin correspondent of The Daily Chronicle claims to have trustworthy authority for the statement that, though the Austrian court is deeply concerned for peace, Emperor Francis Joseph believes that intervention between Spain and America would do more harm than good.

Casino Theatre

Tuesday Evening, April 5th.

THE PEERLESS MAGICIAN,
KELLAR.New and Bewildering
Wonders.CREATION OF MEN AND
WOMEN FROM SPACE.Projection of Astral Bodies. Kel-
lar's latest invention, the
marvelous

Hindoo Clock,

Unique, unaccountable,
startling.
Prices as usual.Honest Goods at
Honest Prices.MIDDLETOWN
WAGON
CO.,
10 HENRY ST.Complete Satisfaction
Guaranteed
To All.

For Friday.

Fancy Strawberries, Asparagus,
Cucumbers, Large Boston Head
Lettuce, Bermuda Potatoes, Pine-
apples Water Cress Fresh Spin-
ach, Green Beans, Radishes, Ele-
gant Sweet Potatoes, New Beets,
White Onions.Call in and see the new Mechanical Figure, which
sings all the latest songs, in conjunction with
the demonstration of Cook's Flake
Rice at the City Grocers.Bull & Youngblood.
56 North St., Opp. Postoffice.
TELEPHONE CALL 55.FOR SALE
To Close Estate of Late
Mayor Berry.His late residence, No. 122 Wickham Avenue, or
will rent same. Contains 10 rooms, bath, closet,
steam heat, etc.
2 forty-foot lot on Wickham Avenue.
1 seventy-foot lot on Wickham Avenue.
1 fifty-foot lot on Grove Street.
1 50x150 foot lot on Highland Avenue.
Lots on Monmouth, Hillside and Wilkes Avenues,
also home corner Houston and Sprague Ave-
nues, for sale or rent. Apply to
A. V. BOAK,
Real Estate Agent, 35 North St.

WIRE LAMP SHADE FRAMES.

Tissue Paper and Crepe Tis-
sue Paper.ALSO NOVELS, MAGAZINES AND
DAILY PAPERS.S. W. MILLSPAUGH & CO.
20 North street.Cottage Hotel Entertainments.
WEEK OF MARCH 21.Dan C. Manning, character and comic
edias, assisted by the delicate soprano, Miss
Ida Manning, in their original creation, "DIN-
TURBANCO," Miss Edna May, solo-singer, Miss
Anna Worth, song and dance, character change
artist.
P. S.—Don't forget the grand ball, Thursday
night, in connection with the above show. Car-
riage for Middletown at 11 a. m., and return at
12 p. m.

ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE.

The trailing arbutus hunters of Sun-
day were disappointed. They went
about, awoke and awagon to Sayer's
Hill, Kirby's Hill, and Corwin's Hill,
and found every bud shut up as tight as
Gautier's. The cold wave seemed to
have postponed the opening for a week,
and then there will be a grand display.

The weather Sunday was just the thing
for long walks, and those who took
them did not feel that their hunts had
been for naught.

Roy Gunther and "Cap" McIntyre, Jr.,
were hunting for small game at Midway
Park, a few days ago, when they dis-
covered a chipmunk darting into his
nest in the leaves at the base of a tree.
Their dog, disgusted with the scarcity
of mammals, raccoons and foxes, pursued
the chipmunk. The little fellow managed
to get away, but the boys found a good
sized pile of walnuts and chestnuts and
a silver quarter on which the chipmunk
had evidently been testing his teeth.

The boys had candy and English wal-
nuts as a result of that find.

When Patrick Hanley, of Montgomery,
left behind him in police court, Thurs-
day, a pint bottle of a decoction smelling
distastefully like apple whiskey and giving
evidence of the power of five or six sub-
marine mines, he did not know the at-
tention the stuff would attract. The
bottle has since remained upon Recorder
Barnes' desk viewed by some as an ob-
ject to be attained and by others as a
sort of infernal machine. It has been
smelled of by half the visitors to the
courtroom, and has been pronounced
"vile" by the Mayor, and Alderman Wal-
dorf has "smelled worse." Everybody
cracks a joke about it, and Capt. Veber
is kept busy at repartee.

A FINE CONCERT.

Given Saturday Evening at the Opening
of the Bradnack Music House.

The piano recital given at the opening
of the Bradnack music house, Saturday
night, drew a large and appreciative
audience which filled all the seating
capacity and crowded the entrance.

John Francis Gilder, the pianist and
composer, and Monte Pickens, both of
New York, rendered a well selected
programme in an artistic manner which
was heartily enjoyed. Frank W. Seagar,
who expected to be present, failed to
appear.

The programme was as follows:

- 1—"Andante and Rondo Capriccioso,"—Mendelssohn
- 2—"Waltz in D Flat,"—Chopin
- 3—"Tarentelle Fantaisie,"—Gilder
- 4—"Amarant,"—Gilder
- 5—"Tremolo,"—Etude—Gottschalk
- 6—"Selected solo,"—Gilder
- 7—"Valse Exotique," (new)—Gilder
- 8—"Spiral Song,"—Mendelssohn
- 9—"Paequade,"—Gottschalk
- 10—"Violin solo,"—Gilder
- 11—"Le Carrousel,"—Gilder
- 12—"Last Hope," (by request),—Gottschalk
- 13—"Battle Cry of Freedom,"—Gilder

UNION VETERANS' UNION.

A Woman's Veteran Relief Union to Be
Organized, Friday Evening.

At the regular meeting of Capt. W. D.
Fuller Command, No. 11, U. V. U., in
Dusenberry Hall, Tuesday evening, April
5, Department Commander A. E. Philippi
and his staff, of New York, will be
present. They will be accompanied by
Mrs. Rose Rockenstyre, of Jersey City,
National Department Chaplain of the
Woman's Veteran Relief Union, who will
organize a W. V. R. U. for Middletown
on that evening.

Any veteran of the late civil war who
served six months and was in one general
engagement or more and who desires to
join the Union can do so at that time.

B. S. DAYTON, Col.

A. B. WHEELER, Adj.

GOSPEL TEMPERANCE AND RESCUE

Meeting of the Committee to Effect a

Permanent Organization.

There will be a final meeting, this
evening, at 8 o'clock, at the rooms of the
Y. M. C. A. in the interest of gospel tem-
perance and gospel rescue. Committees
of three have been appointed from each
of the churches and from the three
benevolent organizations of the city,
viz: the Young Men's Christian Associa-
tion, the Women's Christian Temperance
Union and the City Missionary Union.
These committees will meet, this evening,
and organize. All who are interested in
this mode of christian warfare and duty
are invited to attend. The ministers of
the several churches are requested to be
present.

A Chance for Deepark Doctors.

Deepark's Town Board has voted to
tender for sealed bids for furnishing
medical attendance and medicines to the
poor of Deepark for one year.

TAX RATE FIGURES.

From the Albany Argus.

Four Democratic years:	
1891 (Hill).....	1.37
1892 (Flower).....	1.98
1893 (Flower).....	2.58
1894 (Flower).....	2.18
Four Republican years:	
1895 (Morton).....	3.24
1896 (Morton).....	2.69
1897 (Black).....	2.67
1898 (Black).....	2.08
Average Democratic rate.....	2.02%
Average Republican rate.....	2.67
Highest Republican rate exceeded highest Democratic rate by.....	.67-100 of a mill
Lowest Republican rate exceeds lowest Republican rate by.....	.71-100 of a mill

Not one dollar of excess moneya fished
from city treasury was required to pro-
duce the Democratic low tax rates.

APRIL'S COLD WAVE.

Temperatures of Far Below the Free-
zing Point Saturday and Sunday Nights
—Effects of the Cold—Cold Weather in
Other Aprils.

Instead of "showers that bring May
flowers" April, thus far, has brought us
only wintry weather. Saturday's north
wind brought with it a cold wave, and
Saturday night, thermometers marked
far below the freezing point, 20° having
been about the average reported Sunday
morning. Despite the bright sunshine,
the mercury hovered about the freezing
point all day Sunday, and Sunday night
sank even lower than it did Saturday
night.

It looks, to-day, as if the life had been
frozen out of the grass in exposed local-
ities. The full effect of the cold on fruit
buds has not yet been definitely ascer-
tained. Some have undoubtedly been
killed, but as was shown, last year,
fruit buds if not too far advanced, can
stand very low temperatures without
serious injury.

Cold waves in April are not by any
means unusual and we are lucky in hav-
ing this one so early in the month. It is
when they come later in the month that
they do more serious damage.

Two years ago Easter fell on April 5.
Good Friday, Saturday and Sunday
were bitterly cold and raw and on Easter
Monday there was a snow storm, in
which quite a body of snow fell, which re-
mained on the ground for some time.
That season was, however, very differ-
ent from this for March had been cold
and there had been no forcing weather,
so the cold wave of the Easter season
did no harm.

SWALLOWED POISON.

An Infant Nearly Lost His Life by
Drinking Insect Poison.
From the Port Jervis Union.

The one-year-old son of Otto Fisl bein,
the shoe dealer on Jersey Avenue, op-
posite the Erie depot, came near losing his
life, Friday afternoon, by drinking the
contents of a small bottle half full of in-
sect poison. The little boy was playing
about the house with his six-year-old
sister, and becoming tired of the play he
began to cry, whereupon the little girl
gave him the bottle with which to play,
and in some manner he pulled the cork
out and drank the contents. As soon as
the parents learned what the little fellow
had done Dr. Potts was summoned, and
said that had he arrived five minutes
later the child must have been dead.

FISH FOR LOCAL WATERS.

Brown Trout Fry and Yearlings Will
Be Here, To-morrow.

Jacob Gunther, Maj. E. L. Sproat, J.
Frank Tuthill, H. C. Benson, John Wil-
kin, Herman Otto, A. T. Berthoff, Charles
Bennett, Thomas Perry and A. E.
Nickinson will have to get up early to-
morrow morning, for Erie No. 12, which
arrives here at 4.49 a. m., will bring 30,
000 brown trout fry and 350 yearlings
of the same fish. The gentlemen named
have been assigned these fish and they
will be taken at once to the spring
brooks in the vicinity of Mount Hope,
Howells and Otisville.

Big Prices for Cows.

Ex-Sheriff Henry P. Clauson, of the
town of Newburgh, had an auction sale
of cows, on Tuesday. Twenty-two of
the forty head averaged \$56 a head.
Eighteen head averaged \$51 a head.
The highest price was \$77.50 and the
lowest \$40. The cows were Holstein
grades. Mr. Clauson gave the auctioneer
\$25 extra as a present.

Has Taken "Spot" Kniffin's Place.

Michael Murray has accepted the po-
sition of distributing agent for the Kuhl-
man Brewing Company in this city, vice
"Spot" Kniffin, resigned. He began his
duties this morning. His headquarters
are at A. R. Billings, on East Main street.

RIDGEBURY.

Funeral of Mrs. Pauley.

Correspondence of Argus and Mercury.

Funeral services over the remains of
Mrs. Sarah J. Pauley, who died in this
village, Thursday, were largely attended
at the M. E. Church, Sunday afternoon,
at 2 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Roberts officiated,
assisted by Rev. Mr. Crandall and Rev.
Mr. Brittain. The grave was hidden
under evergreens and many floral tri-
butes were placed about it. The pall
bearers were: Harlan P. Hall, J. Henry
Decker, Fred Fuller, J. B. Havens, H.
Smith and John L. Cummings.

Sceptics Turn Believers and are Cured

"When I read that Dr. Agnew's
Catarrhal Powder could relieve Catarrh
in 10 minutes I was far from being con-
vinced. I tried it—a single puff through
the blower afforded instant relief, stop-
ped pain over the eyes and cleansed the
nasal passages. To-day I am free from
catarrh," B. L. Egan's (Easton, Pa.)
experience has been that of thousands of
others and may be yours. Sold by James
T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

Give the Children a Drink

called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetiz-
ing, nourishing food drink to take the
place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and
liked by all who have used it because
when properly prepared it tastes like the
finest coffee but is free from all its in-
jurious properties. Grain-O aids di-
gestion and strengthens the nerves. It
is not a stimulant but a health builder
and children, as well as adults, can drink
it with great benefit. Costs about
one-fourth as much as coffee. 15 and 25c.

Microbe Your Bowels With Cascarets.
Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever.
25c. Box. If C. C. O. fail, druggists refund money.

A CONVENIENCE AT FUNERALS.

A Novelism Truck for Use in the Nar-
row Aisles of Churches.

Undertaker Rockefeller has introduced a
convenience in funeral work which re-
ceives the approval of the clergy and all
who have seen it. It is called a church
funeral truck, and is used for moving
caskets through the narrow aisles in
many churches. The truck has rubber
tires, and is therefore perfectly noiseless.
The whole thing is covered with heavy
black drapery. By this the painful
efforts of six men, carrying a heavy
casket, to crowd through the aisles by
seats filled with mourners is entirely ob-
viated.

PINE BUSH.

Correspondence Argus and Mercury.

—Robt. Brown has opened a livery
stable here.

—Among the removals are Fred Hoppe
to the Samuel Lowery house and Jesse
Smith to the house vacated by James
Munn.

FACTS ARE STUBBORN.

If Middletown People are Not Convinced
By Local Testimony They Suffer
from Other People.

Our readers must have noticed in the
past two years how "cures" have multi-
plied in the newspapers like mushrooms
in a meadow and following the plethora
of "cures" the general public have turned
remarkably skeptical. Facts are de-
manded, but it has become also essential
to know who supplies them, where they
are from, in fine, whom have you cured.
Doubting Thomas will not accept at par
incredible cures on the other side of the
continent. He wants it at home. "Give
us some neighbor, then I will believe," is
what he asks for. Well, Doan's Kidney
Pills do this. Call it what you like, at
home, local or neighbor's testimony, you
can always ascertain the truth of it
without leaving the city limits. Here is
a case:

Mrs. Melissa Johnson, of 45 James
street, says:
"For the last four years I have been
troubled with kidney and urinary dis-
order that weakened me so much that it
was tiresome to move around and long
walks were impossible. If I caught cold or
was exposed to any change in the
weather I always was seized with a pain
in my loins. I noticed an advertisement
about Doan's Kidney Pills in a local news-
paper, and I also heard them well
spoken of. This induced me to procure
a box from J. E. Mills' drug store. They
helped me right from the first. I feel
better in every way and I am able to
walk around as much as I like. I have
always a good word to say for Doan's
Kidney Pills."

Doan's Kidney Pills are sold for 50
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by local applications, as they cannot
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ness, and that is by constitutional re-
medies. Deafness is caused by an in-
flamed condition of the mucous lining
of the Eustachian Tube. When this
tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling
sound or imperfect hearing, and
when it is entirely closed Deafness is
the result, and unless the inflammation
can be taken out and this tube restored
to its normal condition, hearing will
be destroyed forever. Nine cases out
of ten are caused by catarrh, which is
nothing but an inflamed condition of
the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars
for any case of Deafness (caused by cat-
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brings is marvellous and surprising. It
makes no failure; never disappoints. No
matter how long you have suffered, your
cure is certain under the use of this great
health-giving force. Pleasant and always
safe. Sold by J. E. Mills, druggists
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Clean blood means a clean skin. No
dewy without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathar-
tic clean your blood and keep it clean, by
drying up the lazy liver and driving all im-
purities from the body. Begin to-day to
banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads,
and that sickly bilious complexion by taking
Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All drug-
gists, satisfaction guaranteed. 1, 2c, 25c, 50c.

A Few Points.

The recent statistics of the number of
deaths show that the large majority die
with consumption. The disease may
commence with an apparently harmless
cough which can be cured instantly by
Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and
Lungs, which is guaranteed to cure and
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Trains leave from Middletown Stations, begin-
ning Nov. 12, 1897, and continuing until further
notice, as follows:
Trains marked with * run daily. Trains marked
with ** run on Saturdays and Sundays only. All other
trains daily except Sunday. Trains Nos. 1 & 2 will
stop only for passengers for Binghamton or west
thereof—no freight or mail will be given at the
intermediate stations. Trains with the following
marked indicate connection, viz: "G" with New-
burgh Branch via Greyhound; "T" with Newburgh
Branch via Greyhound; "M" with Newburgh
Branch short cut via Arden; "N" with Mont-
gomery Branch, and "P" with Pine Island Branch.

GOING EAST.

No.	Leave	Arrive
10 Chicago Ex.	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta.
10 New York Special	4.05 a.m.	4.30 a.m.
10 Middletown Way	4.30 a.m.	4.55 a.m.
10 Orange Co. Ex.	5.10 a.m.	5.35 a.m.
10 Monticello Ex.	5.35 a.m.	5.60 a.m.
10 Del. Val. Ex. (M.P.G.)	5.55 a.m.	6.20 a.m.
10 W. Mass. (except Su.)	12.55 p.m.	1.20 p.m.
10 W. Mass. (Su.)	1.20 p.m.	1.45 p.m.
10 C. & G. T. Ex.	5.00 a.m.	5.25 a.m.
10 C. & G. T. Limited	5.55 a.m.	6.20 a.m.
10 P. J. Local	1.30 p.m.	1.55 p.m.
10 W. Mass. Express	1.40 p.m.	1.65 p.m.
10 P. J. Local (Sun only)	4.30 a.m.	4.55 a.m.
10 P. J. Local (Su. only)	4.55 a.m.	5.20 a.m.
10 Milk (Sunday only)	4.55 p.m.	5.20 p.m.

GOING WEST.

No.	Leave	Arrive
11 Milk	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta.
11 Port Jervis Way	4.55 a.m.	5.20 a.m.
11 Day Express	10.55 a.m.	11.30 a.m.
11 Morning Express	11.35 a.m.	1.01 p.m.
11 Port Jervis Local	1.05 p.m.	1.31 p.m.
11 Port Jervis Exp.	1.40 p.m.	2.05 p.m.
* C. & St. L. Exp.	4.15 a.m.	4.40 a.m.
11 Mountain Exp.	5.05 a.m.	5.30 a.m.
11 Orange Co. Exp.	5.35 a.m.	5.60 a.m.
11 Middletown Way	5.55 a.m.	6.20 a.m.
11 C. & G. T. Exp.	9.45 a.m.	10.10 a.m.
11 Chicago	9.15 a.m.	9.40 a.m.
11 Chicago Exp.	11.15 a.m.	11.40 a.m.
101 Sunday Local	1.55 a.m.	2.10 a.m.
101 P. Way (Sun. only)	1.05 p.m.	1.30 p.m.
101 " "	10.30 p.m.	11.00 p.m.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—Increasing cloudiness, to-night, followed by snow, Tuesday; winds becoming northeasterly.

THE TEMPERATURE.
The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 25°; 12 m., 46°; 5 p. m., 47°.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear on Spain by France and England to induce it to avoid a conflict with the United States. The Pope is also understood to be putting forth every possible effort to restrain Spain from rushing into a war, which can have no other result than her defeat and humiliation. It is doubtful, however, if these well meant efforts can prevail against the war spirit which has been aroused in Spain, and which, in the event of the Spanish Ministry making any concessions, would result in its overthrow and possibly in a revolution that would drive the present dynasty from the throne.

The news in this morning's papers has a less warlike tone than it has been for several days. The President is undoubtedly sincerely anxious to avoid war and will, it is said, delay his message to Congress, which was promised for to-day, until Wednesday or Thursday, in the hope that something may happen in the meantime to relieve the tension of the situation. It is asserted by those in a position to know that when he communicates with Congress his message will be most pacific in tone. The war spirit is, however, rampant in Congress, and the issue of peace or war seems to depend on the ability of the administration and its lieutenants to hold in check those who are clamorous for war.

The sharp advance in prices in Wall street, this morning,—all the leading stocks being up from \$2 to \$5 a share over Saturday's best prices, which were considerably higher than Friday's closing prices, does not look as if the operators there had any fear of war. In fact, ever since the downward progress of the market was summarily arrested late Friday afternoon and prices advanced sharply in Saturday's half-day market, in spite of the most warlike news in all the papers, close observers of the stock market have been satisfied that the big operators have had inside information that peace instead of war will be the outcome of the present crisis with Spain. Men who have millions at stake on the rise or fall of the market make it part of their business to know what is going on in the world's capitals, and are glad to pay large sums for early and inside information as to events that may affect stock prices. It is a well established historical fact that the foundations of the great fortune of the English house of Rothschild were laid on the London stock exchange, when, having at great expense obtained news of the victory at Waterloo long in advance of the government and the newspapers, the head of the house bought all the shares and confided in sight, and then told the English government of Wellington's great victory. What the Rothschilds did then, other stock operators have done many times since and the course of the New York stock market indicates that big operators have news from Washington, Madrid, Rome, London or Paris that makes them very certain that there is no real danger of this country being plunged into war.

THE SHAWNEETOWN DISASTER.
A Hundred Persons Drawn to Congress Asked to Aid the Distressed.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 4.—All telegraph and telephone wires at Shawneetown are down. It is impossible to reach there directly.

Mayor Carney, of Shawneetown, has appealed to Congress for aid for the destitute people of his stricken city. He says the town is absolutely destroyed and that there is not enough food in the town for one meal. He says there are a hundred drowned. All the goods in the city are lost and the situation is distressing in the extreme.

This city sent two stambont loads of provisions, last night, that should reach Shawneetown, this morning.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 4.—Gov. Tanner has issued a proclamation appealing for aid for Shawneetown and is preparing to send a relief train with tents and food.

SPANISH CONSULS TO LEAVE.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Secret orders have been issued to all Spanish consuls in this country to prepare to leave at once.

NO ACTION ON CUBA TO-DAY.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The Speaker announced, this morning, that the House would take no Cuban action, to-day.

THE OREGON AT CALLAO.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

CALLAO, Peru, April 4.—The battleship Oregon has arrived here.

THE AUXILIARY NAVY.

The Navy Department Orders the Immediate Purchase of Ten Vessels.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The Navy Department, to-day, sent telegraphic orders to the Auxiliary Cruiser Board at New York to purchase immediately ten vessels for the auxiliary navy.

These boats are to be between 2,000 and 10,000 tons burden and the Board is directed to conclude the purchases as soon as possible.

SPAIN'S ANSWER UNSATISFACTORY

The President Will Advise Recognition of Cuban Independence and Armed Intervention, if Necessary.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—It is altogether probable that the President's message to Congress on the Cuban situation will be sent in before Wednesday.

The general features of the message have been decided upon. The President, it is learned, will favor recognition of Cuban independence and forcible intervention if necessary to prevent further hostilities in Cuba.

Spain's answer in effect will be declared unsatisfactory and to leave little or no reasonable ground for hope that a satisfactory settlement of the Cuba question is at likely to be reached through diplomatic agencies.

The President will favor intervention and his message will make no recommendations or suggestions in conflict with that idea.

THE POPE'S MEDIATION.

The President Has No Knowledge of It—Expects Formal Proposition for Armistice from Sagasta.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—President McKinley announced, to-day, to leading members of Congress that there was no truth in the reported mediation of the Pope in the Cuban matter and that he, (the President), had no knowledge of it whatever.

He also announced that he was hourly expecting a cablegram from Sagasta's government notifying this government of a formal proposition for an armistice to the insurgents.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Will Go to Congress About Wednesday and Will Favor Cuban Independence—May Advise Armed Intervention.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—A leading administration member of Congress, after a conference at the White House, to-day, said:

"The message will go to Congress about Wednesday. The President has taken a firm and determined attitude and he means to carry out that policy to the letter. The President intends to recognize Cuban independence and may go further than that and propose intervention. This is his policy and it will be disclosed in official action very shortly."

THE POPE'S POSITION.

Has Not Been Asked to Arbitrate But Has Urged Spain to Avoid a Conflict.

ROME, April 4.—It is said in Vatican circles, to-day, that the Pope has not formally offered to mediate between Spain and the United States, because he has not been requested to do so by the two governments. It is true, however, that the Pontiff has conveyed to Madrid his ardent wish for the avoidance of a conflict, and has asked Spain to arrange for the suspension of warlike measures or decisions.

THE POPE WILL MEDIATE.

Spain Has Consented to Accept His Good Offices.

MADRID, April 4.—Sagasta announces that he has consented to accept the Pope as mediator.

(The above dispatch passed the censor.)

LONDON, April 4.—Count De Rascon, the Spanish Ambassador, confirms the report that the Pope has been asked to mediate.

BANK OF SPAIN ISSUES MORE NOTES

LONDON, April 4.—The Telegraph's Madrid special says the Bank of Spain has issued \$100,000,000 additional notes.

PAPAL NUNCIO SEES QUEEN REGENT

MADRID, April 4.—The Papal Nuncio had an audience with the Queen Regent, this morning.

A Successful Piano Recital.

One of the most successful piano recitals ever held in Middletown was the one held by the Bradnack Music House, Saturday night.

The programme was an unusually interesting one from the fact that Gottschalk's favorite compositions were rendered by John Francis Gilder, the able exponent of Gottschalk, and his old time friend, Monte Pickens, also of New York, rendered several violin selections, one a particularly showy piece by Musin, which was unusually well received. While more than 200 were seated in the large store and 100 were standing and packed in the aisles, 200 were turned away who could not get in. Several from Goshen were disappointed in not being able to get in. Mr. Bradnack's regret, and he states that he will repeat the recital in a few weeks and hopes to have room for all.

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Holy Week Services at Grace Church.

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Maundy Thursday—8:30, morning prayer; 4:30, evening prayer and address; 7:30 p. m., holy communion.

Good Friday—8:30 a. m., morning prayer; 10 a. m., ante communion and sermon; 12 to 3 p. m., three hours service; 7:30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

Saturday, Easter Eve—10 a. m., ante communion; 4 p. m., evening prayer and baptism.

Easter Sunday—6 a. m., holy communion; 11 a. m., morning prayer, holy communion and sermon; 4 p. m., evening prayer with Easter carols.

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Easter Fixings.

HATS—All shades derbies and alpines 98¢, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2. The "Emerson" Hat, the \$3 derby at \$2.50.

GLOVES—Myer's make 75¢ to \$1.50. A special sale of \$1 gloves at 63¢.

NECKWEAR—A great display at 23, 35¢, all shapes.

UMBRELLAS Canes. Umbrellas 98¢, silver plate cap, steel rod, Congo stick, silk cover and tassels. Canes, silver trim 75, 98¢. 5¢ for Silk Web Suspenders, Seamless Socks Hem stitched Handkerchiefs. 31¢ for Men's Night Shirts.

Men's All Wool Suits \$4.95. Men's Black Cheviot Suits \$5.95. Men's Fine Dress Suits \$7.50. Boys' Suits, long pants, brown or black cheviot, \$2.75. Boys' Suits, knobby knicker, blue or black cheviot, \$4.49. \$4.95 Children's Suits, brown or black cheviot, \$1.25. Children's Suits, blue serge, plaid, etc., \$1.98. Novelty Suits, fancy trim, \$1.19.

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EASTER

Cards, Booklets and Novelties

are ready. Come early and take your time in looking them over. You will find here plenty of things with which to greet your friends at Easter.

New Books and plenty of new things in Fine Stationery worthy of your attention.

Cameras, Kodaks and Photographic Supplies.

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In great variety of styles and prices. Our new style Ladies' Button or Lace shoes at \$2 and \$2.50. Have all the style and finish of shoes of much higher price. Every pair warranted Oxford Ties, in black or new shade of tan, 75¢ to \$2. Follow the Footprints to

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Has made its appearance, also our stock of

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EASTER PERFUMES DECK OUR WINDOWS!

"APPLE BLOSSOMS" our latest—Has our north window "Apple blossom," sweet, dainty and lasting; apple blossoms tell of orchards rich in bloom.

"ITALIAN VIOLET"—(We are proud of its record,) fills our south window. "Italian Violet," rich with a fragrance all its own, unique, unequalled. Others imitate the name.—None approach our Italian Violet in merit. For an Easter gift "Apple Blossom" or "Italian Violet" is fitting and acceptable.

Peep into our windows and see our Easter suggestions. Looking is free; buying is not expensive. The dainty, the artistic and the perfect do not always mean great cost.

McMonagle & Rogers, Druggists, 50 North St

\$22.50

Buy an elegant

DINING ROOM SET.

Solid Oak Sideboard

Piano finished, serpentine top, large bevel French plate mirror, trimmed with brass cast handles. Case has two small and 1 large drawer and two lockets.

**A Highly Polished Oak
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with heavy fluted legs, neatly carved.
SOLID OAK CHAIRS.
with an antique finish, black back, nicely upholstered with velvet.

ALL NEW GOODS.
CARPETS AND CROCKERY at prices which give the reputation of being

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HATHAWAY,**
25 AND 27 EAST MAIN STREET

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—See Chase, Wolf, Jr.'s, spring opening Wednesday, April 5th.
—Easter clothing at Burdick & Co's.
—Marsacabo coffee 16c a pound at J. W. Sloan's.
—Small farm for sale.
—Drainage at Onondaga.
—Dyspepsia cured by Stewart's Dyspepsia Tablets.
—Health restored by Dr. Miller's Nervine.
—Calendars given with Fairy Soap.
—Pho's Cure for coughs and colds.
—Constipation cured by Cascarets.
—For backache, Doan's Pills.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Regular meetings of the various fire companies, to-night.
—Ice covered the mill pond on Monhagen avenue, this morning.
—Stern's spring opening has been postponed until to-morrow.
—The "Easter Blossoms" in the A. and P. tea store window attracts lots of attention.
—Monthly meeting of Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will be held, to-morrow, at 4 p. m., sharp.

—Poughkeepsie's Board of Trade has been discussing the need of a new fire alarm system in that city.

—Belding has opened an Easter display in the G. B. Adams building on North street, next to Tompkins'.

—Remember the meeting of the Driving Park Association at the Russell House at 10, to-morrow morning.

—Poughkeepsie's shoe factory is expecting an order for 10,000 pairs of shoes for the United States navy.

—Four special trains loaded with regular army soldiers went south over the West Shore road Saturday morning.

—Kellar, the world famous magician, is to appear at the Casino, to-morrow night. There will be no advance in prices.

—A son of James Lral lost control of his horse on Genung street, Sunday, and it wrecked a carriage before it was caught at Academy avenue.

—The 24th Company's press agent announces that to-night's games at the armory may be the last before the company "goes to war."

—Enterprise H. and L. Co. will hold its regular monthly meeting, this evening, at 7:30 o'clock, at 119 North street. All members are requested to be present.

—The crew of the Texas raised \$321 for the Maine monument fund, and among the names of the contributors is that of Frank W. Stone, (\$1), formerly of this city.

—Henry Procope has accepted a position with Jacob Gunther in the place of ex-Sergeant William Schumann, who has returned to a former position in New York city.

—The cold weather and stiff breeze which prevailed Sunday interfered more than a little with the plans of the bicyclists. Many long rides had been planned but none were taken.

—The crack base ball and basket ball teams from the 5th Separate Company, of Newburgh, will play the 24th team at the armory, to-night. There will doubtless be a large attendance.

—To-night, the life size moving pictures taken at the ringside at Carson City and showing every little detail of the great Corbett-Fitzsimmons prize fight will be produced at the Casino. The entertainment lasts for two hours.

—The Veriscope Co. was the only one authorized to photograph the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight at Carson City. Other concerns have produced facsimiles which, while resembling the participants, do not give a correct representation.

PERSONAL.

—Mrs. Horace Schultz, of Port Jervis, is visiting her brother-in-law, Dr. E. M. Schultz.

—Hoik B. Campbell went to Franklin, N. Y., to-day, to enter the Franklin Military School.

—Joseph Cohen, of New York, has accepted a position in the office of the Traction Company here.

—Ex-City Engineer Charles Smith went to Staten Island, to-day, to survey the line of a new trolley road.

—John M. Faulkner, of the Western Union messenger service, spent Sunday in Newburgh, returning to-day.

—J. J. Wood, of Brooklyn, formerly a jeweler in this city, is seriously ill at the home of Supervisor Wells, of Goshen.

—Fireman William McAloon, who was taken ill on his engine, a few days ago, resumed his duties on the O. and W., to-day.

—Joseph L. French, late of Narrowsburg, N. Y., is now clerk for Daniel Daly at the Hamilton House, James street.

—L. Lay Jennings has resigned his position with J. C. Runyon & Son and accepted one with the A. and P. Tea Company.

—Charles Ketcham, who has been visiting relatives on Grant street, left, to-day, for his home at Cleveland, O., going by way of Washington.

—Mrs. F. S. Cole returned, Friday night, after a two months' visit with friends in Newburgh, Quarryville and Middletown.—Port Jervis Union.

—Mrs. Augusta Dolph, widow of the late U. S. Senator J. N. Dolph, of Oregon, is at present here and will spend the summer in this village.—Port Jervis Gazette.

—Homer B. Ritter returned from Athens, Pa., to-day, where he attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Alice Jordan, Sunday. Mrs. Mary Ritter, who has been at Athens for the past ten days, will return, to-morrow.

—Prof. Hopkins, of Hamilton college, during his stay in this city, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Finn. A dinner was given in his honor, Saturday evening, by Mr. and Mrs. George H. Decker. During the evening the Hamilton students, who are home for the spring vacation called on the Professor.

THE LIGHTING CONTRACT

AGAIN AWARDED TO THE CITY'S LIGHT AND POWER CO.

Amended at a special meeting, Saturday night, to be to protect the City's interests. Ten Area Lights to be furnished free—a \$10,000 bond for the fulfillment of the contract furnished.—President Purdy, of the City Company, makes a speech.

At the special meeting of the Common Council, Saturday night, the Aldermen looked over the contract submitted by the Citizens' Electric Light and Power Company, and after some additions had been made and a sufficient bond furnished the old resolution was rescinded and a new one passed awarding the lighting contract to the company for five years at \$9,400 per year, the company to furnish ten free area lights for the remainder of the unexpired term under which the old company was to do so, and to move lights at the request of the Council. All of the Aldermen voted for the contract, save Mr. Hirst, who was absent, and Mr. Gavin, who was opposed to it.

President Tierney explained to the Council that the meeting had been called to discuss the lighting contract awarded the Citizens' Company at the last meeting, and Mayor Mance stated the case as he saw it and called attention to the charter's provision that a bond must be given. He also referred to the failure to provide for the ten free area. He then produced the bond for \$10,000 which had been furnished by the company.

In the audience were L. C. Purdy, Theo. L. Reeve, Supt. Max and C. L. Hulce of the old company, and Mr. Purdy addressed the Council at length at this juncture. He explained that lighting prices here were as low as in other places, and said that prices had not been advanced to consumers. People who had held contracts with the company before were now on the metre system and it showed that the consumer had had much the best of the service, and this was what caused bills to be larger. His company, he said, is not here to plunder and it has no intention to raise prices. He was anxious to have the Council appoint a committee to look over the company's books. He would employ experts to look over these books with the Council and pay for the experts' services.

Mayor Mance referred to the advertisement and stated that the error was made by the former clerk. After some delay, Mr. Allen moved that the franchise be signed by the Mayor and the representatives of the company. This was seconded by Mr. Ayres and carried, all voting "aye."

Mr. Allen stated that the Mayor had modified the contract as proposed, and on his suggestion the clerk read it. Mr. Ayres suggested that the contract be changed to allow the Council to order lamps to be changed as desired, and when this had been done, with the approval of Dr. McBair, who was present as a representative of the new company, Mr. Allen offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Ayres:

Resolved, That the City Attorney and the Mayor be instructed to draw up a contract in compliance with the contract which the Mayor was authorized to sign at the session of March 28th, 1898, and in addition thereto, the clause in reference to furnishing ten extra area lights in a contract presented at this session by the Citizens' Electric Light and Power Company, and also a provision that the lights be located as the Common Council may from time to time hereafter designate, and that the said Citizens' Electric Light and Power Company furnish and provide duplicate engines and duplicate dynamos to be incorporated in said contract, and also such other provisions for the protection of the city as the Mayor and the City Attorney may deem proper; that such contract, when prepared, the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute, upon said company furnishing security, approved by the Mayor, and that the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract of agreement for lighting the city, passed at the session held March 28th, 1898, be and is hereby rescinded.

Mr. Owen here interposed an objection, saying that as the other company had not bid for the lighting, the Council should advertise again now that a franchise had been given the new company.

Mr. Ayres called his attention to his position on the charter-printing bids when he stated that it would be unfair to ask for other bids after one bidder's price was known. This caused Mr. Owen and the others great amusement, and the Mayor remarked: "That was a body blow straight from the shoulder."

Mr. Lawrence said that such a proceeding as that suggested by Mr. Owen would be entirely unfair. It would be easy for the old company to underbid now, and he believed that the situation was thoroughly understood by the Council at its previous meeting.

Mr. Gavin caused the clerk to read the resolution passed by this Council rescinding all resolutions of the old Board and expressed the opinion that it terminated the matter.

Mr. Lawrence assured him that the Council was acting upon a resolution passed by the present Council March 28. The motion was then put and all voted "aye" save Mr. Gavin.

The grievances of several property owners, whose properties are to be sold for taxes, were referred to the Law Committee with power to act, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

"The Story of the Cross."

Remember the sacred cantata "The Story of the Cross," by Dudley Buck, at Grace Church, Tuesday evening. It is one of the most noted of his compositions and will be rendered by some of our best singers.

Dr. Allen's Pain Pills cure Rheumatism.

THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Regular Meeting, Saturday Night—Free Water for the Erie Fountain—Depth of Water in the Reservoir—A Main Extension Ordered.

The Water Board divided at its meeting, Saturday night, to furnish water free for a fountain to be erected in the proposed grass plot near the Erie station. S. G. Memory appeared before the Board with some correspondence which he had with Supt. M. W. Maguire while he was an alderman. The Board added the proviso, however, that the fountain should be under the control of the superintendent of the water works.

Supt. Davey reported the depth of Monhagen Lake as 23 feet 4 inches and Highland Lake, 16 feet. The rainfall for March was 3.57 inches.

It was decided to extend the Highland Lake main from North street through Wisner avenue to the O. and W. tracks where it will connect with the Monhagen Lake main, giving additional pressure if needed in case of fire.

W. H. Carson was given a plumber's licence.

S. D. Horton and Emeline Ogden put in claims for \$25 and \$10 for damage said to have been done their property by the backing up of water at the pumping station. Their claims were laid on the table for future consideration.

BILLS AUDITED.

J. A. Wallace, coal, \$88 15
Wm. Randall, rent, 15 00
C. Macardell, Jr., printing, 7 00

OBITUARY.

Fred M. Van Brunt.

From Our Goshen Correspondent.

Fred M. Van Brunt, a farmer residing near Florida died Saturday at 6 p. m., at the age of sixty years, of acute meningitis. He is survived by his wife.

Funeral will be held at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon from the residence of his brother-in-law Harrison Wheeler, near Florida.

Mrs. James H. Wallick.

Mrs. Mary McInnis Wallick, wife of James H. Wallick, died, this morning, in this city, after a long illness, aged fifty years.

Mrs. Wallick during the few years she has lived in and near this city proved herself a kindly, warm-hearted, generous woman, and did many acts of kindness and charity.

HYMENEAL.

Middaugh—Westervelt.

There was a quiet wedding at the residence of the bride on Linden avenue Saturday evening, when Miss Adelaide Westervelt was united in marriage to George W. Middaugh. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Wm. A. Robinson, at 6 o'clock, and after a wedding supper the happy couple left on the 7:26 train for New York City, where the groom holds a responsible position with the Adams Express Company. The bride was substantially remembered by her grandfather, A. A. Hopper, with whom she has made her home for several years.

Easter Excursion on the Erie to New York.

The Erie announces an excursion to New York city, on Easter Sunday, April 10th, at the rate of one dollar for the round trip. Tickets are good going on any train in the morning, and to return special train leaving Jersey City at 8:40 p. m. the same day. Trains on which the tickets are good going will leave James street at 4:49, 6:01 and 8:23 a. m. Main street, 8:25 a. m. td

Funeral of Miss Sarah Nolan.

The funeral of Miss Sarah Nolan, who died in this city, Friday, were held at the home of her father at Saratville, at 10 o'clock, this morning, and later at St. Mary's Church, Montgomery, where requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. Father O'Hanlon, of this city.

A delegation from the St. Elizabeth Society of this city attended.

Opening of Chase, Wolf, Jr.'s New Store.

Charles Wolf, Jr., announces the opening of his new clothing store, corner of North and King streets, for Wednesday, April 6th. Souvenirs will be presented on that day and all are invited to inspect his handsome store and well selected and up-to-date stock.

Valm Sunday at St. Joseph's Church.

At St. Joseph's Church, Sunday morning, the palms were blessed and distributed before the 11 o'clock mass. The gospel of the day was the Passion of Christ, read in English by Rev. Father McCleary, and in Latin by Rev. Father O'Hanlon.

Shows No Improvement.

Mrs. Hannah Cooper, who received serious injuries when a bicycle collided with her, a few days ago, does not show any improvement. Her son, Charles Cooper, was obliged to return to Boston, to-day.

Business Change at Oxford Depot.

S. C. Van Vleet, Jr., who has carried on the mercantile business at Oxford Depot, for many years, has sold his store to S. G. Lent, who will continue business there.

—The menu of the supper at the Universalist parsonage, next Wednesday evening, will include baked beans and brown bread, chicken pie, pickles, jellies, pie, cake, coffee, etc., all for twenty-five cents. Besides, little Miss Jessie Jester, the nine-year-old elocutionist, will come from New York especially to recite to the guests. There will be music, vocal and instrumental. hope not. —...

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

The Newbury Foundry to Make Torpedoes—Palm Sunday Services—A Non-Support Case Settled—Lawyers in Newburgh—Mention and Supper.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—The Newbury foundry has received the order from the government for cast iron caps for torpedoes, which the company figured on some time ago. The castings weigh seventy five pounds each and about fifty of them can be turned out daily.

—The funeral of John T. Anley was held at 10 o'clock, this morning, in New York city. The deceased had numerous relatives in this village.

—Special services were held in nearly all the village churches, yesterday, in observance of Palm Sunday.

—The case of William Dolson, charged by his wife with non-support has been temporarily settled.

—Harry D. Mills, of Waldwick, was in town, Saturday.

—Members of Goshen's legal profession are largely congregated at Newburgh, to-day, at the opening of the trial term of the Supreme Court.

—The Sodality of St. John's Church will hold a reunion and supper at St. John's Hall on Easter Monday night.

THE CUBAN RELIEF FUND.

The Contributions of the Junior Epworth League and the Junior Endeavorers of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mayor Mance received \$2.50, to-day, from Mrs. Judson, of the State Hospital, for the Cuban Relief Fund and \$7 accompanied by the following letter:

"Enclosed find \$7 for the Cuban Relief Fund from the Junior Epworth League of St. Paul's Church, which they earned by a cake sale and give in honor of him who said: 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren ye have done it unto me.'"

HARRY LANPHER, President.

BERNICE MARTIN, Vice President.

LAURA KOHN, Secretary.

ETHEL LAWRENCE, Treasurer.

The Mayor also received \$10 from the Junior C. E. Society of the First Presbyterian Church.

An All Fools' Day Joke in Port Jervis.

Port Jervis jokers celebrated All Fools' Day by placing the stuffed figure of a woman on the trolley track. The motorman brought his car to a sudden stop and jumped off to drag the "drunken lady" (that's what they say in Port Jervis) from the track. Then he swore in the most finished Port Jervis style and the car bowed on.

The Traction Company's Milk Business.

The Traction Company is bringing about sixty cans of milk a day from Goshen and points along the line between this city and that village to the Anglo-Swiss Condensery here. The cans are transferred from cars to wagons at Franklin Square.

Prof. Hopkins at the First Presbyterian Church.

Prof. Hopkins, of Hamilton College, preached in the First Presbyterian Church, Sunday morning and evening. Both his sermons were fine efforts and were listened to with interest and pleasure by large congregations.

Notes of the Hating Trade.

—At Danbury, Conn., the manufacturers of fur hats have had a better spring trade than in several years.

—The Dutchess Hat Works have begun the manufacture of light-weight hats. They were never made there before. Down east several factories have been working on this style for some time.

A Medical Life-Saver.

is Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. After years of pain and agony with distressing heart disease, it gives relief in thirty minutes. Thos. Petry, of Aymer, Que., writes: "I had suffered for five years with a severe form of heart disease. I was unable to attend to business. The slightest exertion produced fatigue. Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart gave me instant relief, four bottles entirely cured me." Sold by James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

The Languor so common at this season is due to impoverished blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures it by enriching the blood.

Build Up Your Health

By nourishing every part of your system with blood made pure by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. Then you will have nerve, mental, bodily and

In the Spring

digestive strength. Then you need not fear disease, because your system will readily resist scrofulous tendencies and attacks of illness. Then you will know the absolute intrinsic merit of

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Sarsaparilla America's Greatest Medicine. All druggists. \$1.00 per bottle. Prepared only by C. I. Wood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills not easily, promptly and effectively. 25 cents.

Royal makes the best pure, wholesome and delicious.



Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder disease relieved in six hours by "NEW GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." It is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in bladder, kidneys and back, in male or female. Relieves retention of water almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is the remedy. Sold by J. E. Mills, druggist Middletown, N. Y.

MARRIED.

MIDDAUGH—WESTERVELT.—In this city, April 2d, '98, by Rev. Wm. A. Robinson, D. D., George William Middaugh and Adelaide Westervelt, both of Middletown.

DIED.

WALLICK.—In this city, April 4th, '98, Mary Melinda, wife of James H. Wallick, aged fifty years.

Funeral services will be held at Grace Episcopal Church, on Wednesday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock. Interment in family plot, Hillside Cemetery.

MOORE.—In this city, April 2d, '98, Emmett Moore, aged eighty-six years.

Funeral private. Tuesday afternoon, at three-thirty, at his late residence, 23 South st.-wt. Relatives and intimate friends are invited to attend without further notice. Interment in family plot, Hillside Cemetery.

FREED O. ROCKAFELLOW, Funeral Director and Embalmer, 30 North street. Telephone No. 8. Lady assistant. New York office 164 East 12d street, with E. E. Taylor & Co.

KNAPP & MERRITT, Undertakers and Embalmers, 42 West Main street corner James, Middletown, N. Y. 56 Great Jones St., New York City. Lady assistant. Telephone Call No. 18.

JOHN DONOVAN, Undertaker and Embalmer, 124 North street. Fine coaches to let. Telephone 18. Lady assistant. Open day and night.

DOUGHERTY & REILLY, Undertakers and Embalmers, 14 Cottage street, Middletown, N. Y. 42 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. Great Jones street. Also long distance telephone. Lady assistant.

D. OSTERHOUT, Undertaker and Embalmer, Lady assistant. Telephone 168, Middletown, N. Y. 42 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. 42 Great Jones street, New York.

Easter Notes

We have now the most elegant line of Neckwear we have ever shown.—We need to say no more on this subject.

Easter Hats and Gloves.

Easter Extra Trousers

or Suits,

Easter Overcoats.

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Clothier, Hatter and Merchant Tailor.

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Seed Peas in Bulk!

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CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS

SICK HEADACHE

Positively cured by these
Little Pills.

They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They Regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

DIAMONDS, WATCHES, SILVER-WARE, CLOCKS AND OPTICAL GOODS AT REDUCED PRICES.

I Have on Hand a Lot of 50c Spectacles Which I Will Close Out

at 20c a Pair, AND EXAMINE THEM FREE OF CHARGE.

AIRFULL LINE OF BICYCLES AND ACCESSORIES.

Dayton, Barnes, Orient, Liberty and Featherstone lines. Good second-hand wheels at bottom prices. Repairing in all branches at prices that will surprise you.

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Varnish Stains!

These stains are made with great care, from the very best materials, and with one coat give a fine color and finish to all kinds of Furniture (wood and rattan) and interior woodwork, making it look like new.

J. Erskine Mills,
Druggist, North St.

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New Six-Room Cottage on North Street.

Bath, closet, range, hot and cold water, heated by hot air furnace. Possession given at once. See

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A NEW COUP IN DUELING.

The Wounded Honor of a Sicilian Deputy Satisfied After an Unprecedented Fashion.

It was Mark Twain who said that one of the chief dangers of French duellists would be removed if they were compelled to fight in glass cages, which would prevent any possibility of their taking cold. Another danger to duellists appeared not long ago when two Italian politicians attempted to satisfy their wounded honor at a dueling place in Rome that is frequented by the most exclusive fighters. This is a little clump of trees situated in the heart of the Roman Campagna. The trees are thickly branched and grow so close together that the copse is practically impenetrable except by a narrow path that runs through the trees, says the New York Sun.

A Sicilian deputy had been offended by another deputy, and the two met at this spot to fight. Just as they crossed swords the Sicilian deputy uttered a cry and dropped his weapon. He was about to fall, and his seconds rushed forward to support him. No blood was visible at first, but when he was examined signs of a wound were seen on his back. As it was impossible that his antagonist could have struck him in the back, the seconds were astonished upon discovering a wound that had been inflicted apparently by the point of a rapier. An examination showed that a sharp twig from one of the trees had penetrated the deputy's back when he stepped backward to take his position. It was dry and strong and penetrated the linen shirt as well as the skin.

His adversary's seconds expressed the opinion that their principal's honor had been satisfied, and a new coup was added to the list of those known already in the art of dueling.

AN IMPERIAL INVENTOR.
It is Said Emperor William Will Give the World a New Electrical Car.

The career of American electric street railway apparatus in Germany may be destined to be a short and a merry one, for the news has come very circumstantially of late that the emperor himself proposes to invent a new electrical car for Berlin, and if for Berlin, then Germany. A few years back Prince Henry, the emperor's brother, repeated all the sensational Tesla experiments with currents of high voltage and high frequency, and not many months ago we noted the fact in these columns that the emperor, the prince and some high army officers were taking a special electrical course of study. This all goes to confirm the rumor, says the Electrical Engineer.

We are sure that his majesty can help the electric railway art materially, for it has been said that he has a rolling eye of genius just like Edison's, although we have never seen Mr. Edison roll his eye, unless a wink is included in the expression. But what worries us is that we don't see where the emperor is to get the time; he is so busy. There is Turkey to be patronized; Greece to be snubbed; Russia to be flattered; France to be flouted; England to be insulted; and China to be cut up, all of which he is giving personal attention to conscientiously. But his majesty is also otherwise engaged, in oratory, music, art, the drama, yachting and a few other diversions.

GREAT MEN AND POLITICS.

All of the Foremost Statesmen of America Were Pronounced Partisans.

Somebody says that Lincoln was a partisan. Of course he was a partisan. He was a republican from the party's foundation until his death, and he was a whig previously. Every statesman who accomplishes anything is necessarily a partisan. Popular opinion cannot be ascertained nor the popular will carried out except through the medium of parties, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Ever since the foundation of the government, save for a few years in the so-called "era of good feeling," during Monroe's presidency, there were two great parties in the country, and everybody who counted for anything in politics belonged to one or other of these parties. Every president has been a partisan. Washington was one, though many writers pretend he was not—that he held himself outside and above each of the parties of his day.

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In the case of an individual who had claimed a reward for the restitution of a diamond ring which he had found, Judge Finletter, of Philadelphia, rendered a decision to the effect that the mere fact of finding the ring gave the finder no lien upon the property. The article had been lost; its loss was advertised, and to keep it was practically larceny.



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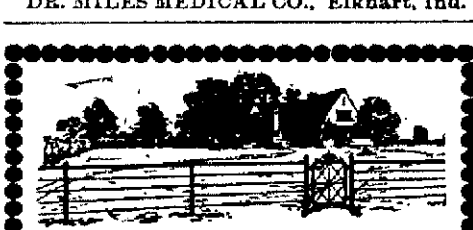
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WHY ONE MAN IS BITTER.

His Young Sister Bought the Violets to Send to His Sweetheart.

St. Valentine's day is a sad reminder to a young man on I street. A year ago during the second week of February he had an attack of the grip, says the Washington Post. He wanted to send a charming young woman some violets, and was compelled to ask a very young sister to buy them for him. He snappishly refused to tell for what purpose he wanted the flowers, for he had grip and his head ached. The young girl returned with a box neatly wrapped in paper. The young man slipped his card in without untying the package, and bribed his little brother to carry the offering to the object of his attentions. That evening the young sister visited the sickroom.

"Did you like the violets?" she asked. "Didn't look at them."

"They were beauties," said the girl. "I got them at a special sale. They were marked down from one dollar to 50 cents—great big bunch, too."

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"A big bunch of real violets for 50 cents at this time of the year!" said the sick man.

"Real violets!" echoed the sister. "Real violets! Why, you didn't say anything about real violets. I thought they were for mamma's bonnet. I bought artificial violets!"

The young man had never attempted to explain the matter to the young lady who received the flowers, but if you talk to him about the natural intelligence of young girls you will find him mightily bitter and gloomy on the subject.

OLDEST SOUTHERN CHURCH.

Baptist House of Worship Built Before 1780 in Virginia.

South of Mason and Dixon's line the oldest and probably the most famous church is the Providence Baptist, in Clark county, Ky., seven miles south of Winchester. It was organized at a different place from where the congregation now meets. Virginia was the church's birthplace, but previous to 1780 it moved to Kentucky, Daniel Boone being included among the congregation. It has in its history occupied three buildings, one of log, one of stone and the present one, a modern frame.

Not only is this the oldest church in the south, but it is the pioneer church organization in the state and is a part of the very interesting unpublished history of Kentucky. The pastor of the church, Robert Elkins, has held his position for 40 years. The present clerk has filled his own place for 45 years.

The early day stone sanctuary has stood the test of time, the masonry not showing a crack to-day, having stood as firm as the church organization itself. The building is over 100 years old. Near this old church is the more modern and commodious house of worship built by the present congregation. No services are held in the old stone structure, but it stands a monument to the thoroughness and careful work of Kentucky's early Baptist.

TELL REPORTERS THE TRUTH.

Cardinal Gibbons Advises Absolute Frankness, with Newspaper Men.

In his address at the New Orleans Press club recently, reports the Baltimore Sun, Cardinal Gibbons said:

"If I had one piece of advice to give a public man more than another it is, be frank with the reporter. It has been my privilege and pleasure to come in contact with and to know a great number of reporters. I have steadfastly adopted a policy of absolute frankness with them, and I have yet to have a confidence betrayed. They have never proved themselves unworthy of the estimate I placed on them as gentlemen. It is the public man who conceals, whose very act of concealment is perceived by the reporters (for in the very nature of their business they must be quick to perceive), it is this very concealment which induces the reporter to further conduct his investigations and often to get wrong what had been in the confidences of the man whose manner provoked investigation, he would have understood and written intelligently about. And it is in this very manner that much of the complaint against the reporter originates. Tell the reporters the absolute truth. Never deceive them."

AN IMPRACTICAL SCIENTIST.

Professor Was Up on Physics, But Could Not Tap a Barrel.

A new story is going the rounds at the expense of a well-known scientist of Philadelphia, says the Record, who has made a specialty of the study of physics, and whose inventions are known from one end of the country to the other. It seems that he recently purchased a barrel of pippin cider, and had it sent up to his residence, where he proceeded to tap it. The spigot used was in good working order, but for some reason unknown to the scientific man the cider refused to flow. He tilted the barrel up, poked wires through the open spigot to make sure it was all right, and potted around for a couple of hours without satisfactory results. Then he gave up the job in disgust, and sent for the man from whom he had bought the apple juice.

"This infernal cider must be as thick as paste," he said, when the expert arrived. "I can't get a drop of it to run out. The visitor examined the barrel for a moment and quietly smiled."

"Of course you can't professor," he said. "You've forgotten to make an airhole in the bung so that the air can get in as the cider flows out."

A New Disinfectant.

Health Officer Wester, of Norristown, Pa., states that the odor of formaline, the new disinfectant, is a combination of "blige water and the emanations from a sauer kraut kettle." He adds, somewhat apologetically, that no germ will survive it.

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of the fire alarm boxes in this city:
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18—Grand avenue and Prince street.
19—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
20—West Main street and Walkhill avenue.
21—North street, corner Prince street.
22—James and Henry streets.
23—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
24—Lake avenue and West street.
25—North street, corner Mount Vernon avenue.
26—State Hospital gate.
27—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
28—Near State Hospital.
29—North street and Prince street, hat shop.
30—High and Sanford streets.
31—Cann street, condenser.
32—Millberry and Fulton streets.
33—Fulton avenue and South street.
34—Fulton street and East street.
35—Academy avenue and Houston avenue.
36—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
37—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
38—Academy avenue and Denning street.
39—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
40—Grant street and Sprague avenue.
41—East Main street and Prospect avenue.
42—North street, near Orchard.
43—Franklin Square.
21—Runge below a box number, denotes that a bell is being made.
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SHAWNEETOWN SWEEP BY FLOOD.

Adjacent Country Submerged—Twenty Feet of Water Where the Town Once Stood—Houses Tossed About Like Boxes.

CARME, Ills., April 4.—If meager advice received this morning are true, one of the most disastrous floods recorded in this section occurred yesterday. A telephone message from Cypress Junction yesterday evening announced that Shawneetown, Ills., had been swept away and more than 200 lives lost.

Cypress Junction is at the intersection of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern and the Louisville and Nashville railroads. According to the telephone advice, a courier rode into Cypress Junction and reported that the levee above Shawneetown had been broken through by the Ohio. He did not know the precise extent of the break, but was certain that it extended a great distance, as the waters that swept through completely submerged the town and covered all the adjacent country.

The courier told harrowing stories of how, when he rode out of town men, women and children were clinging to housetops and trees screaming for help. He had little or no hope that there was any chance for much rescue work. After this story was received the telephone line was blown or washed down, and no additional advice have thus far come from Cypress Junction. Intelligence has been received, however, that a relief boat has left Evansville for the scene of the disaster.

Shawneetown is 15 miles below Evansville on the Ohio river. It is situated in a valley of extremely low land, with hills skirting it in rear and with a 25 foot levee in front running from hill to hill. The town is very much in the position of a fortified city, and when the levee gave way a mile above the town, under pressure of a very high river, the water shot through a 20 foot opening and struck the place like a hurricane, sweeping everything before it.

Houses were overturned and tossed about like boxes. The people had no warning of the break, and for that reason so many were caught. Those at home sought refuge in second stories and on housetops. Those in the streets were carried before the avalanche of water, and probably a majority were drowned.

A citizen came from the place by skiff to telephone several miles away and asked aid from Evansville. He said more than 200 people were drowned, and he had reason to believe the number would reach 500 or possibly 1,000. The water stands 200 feet all over town.

Consequently it was impossible for him to have anything like definite information. The man quickly left the phone and no communication has since been had with the place. All the telephone and telegraph wires are down, and outside communication appears to be impossible.

Two steamboats and a couple of tugs have started for Shawneetown under full head of steam. They carried large supplies of food and blankets quickly collected by the city officials.

Eighteen Lost at Sea.

LOWESTOWN, England, April 4.—It is confirmed that it was the German steamer Magnet, from Pomaron March 6 for Stettin, that was sunk on March 16 in collision off Gabbard lightship with the British bark British Princess, Captain Scott, from Leith for Liverpool. The brother of the Magnet's captain has arrived here and identified wreckage wedged in the bows of the British Princess, which was towed into Lowestoft harbor March 16 with her bows stove and her forepeak full of water. The captain's brother reports also that the Magnet sank almost immediately and that 18 of her company were drowned.

Bothnia Survivors in Port.

NEW YORK, April 4.—The French steamer La Bretagne, Captain Rupe, which has just arrived from Havre, picked up at sea and brought to port Captain Davis and ten shipwrecked seamen belonging to the bark Bothnia of Liverpool, which was totally dismasted on March 23 during the voyage from Peru for Palmyra, three seamen being killed by the falling spars.

Trying to Fix Scale of Wages.

WHEELING, April 4.—There was a meeting today of miners and operators of the Wheeling district for the purpose of coming to an agreement. The miners demand either the Ohio or Pennsylvania scale, but refuse to accept the Ohio scale and the Pennsylvania screen which operators offer. It is thought likely that the Ohio scale entire will be accepted by the operators.

Another Fire in Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 4.—The roof and sixth story of the Central Union block, at Madison and Market streets, were destroyed by fire yesterday. The building, which is owned by C. T. Wheeler and Chief Justice Fuller, was damaged to the amount of \$12,000. Two hundred manufacturing concerns in the building suffered a loss of \$65,000, fully insured.

Big Fire at Rock Hill, S. C.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 4.—Fire at Rock Hill, S. C., yesterday morning destroyed 12 buildings, involving a loss of \$250,000, upon which there was an insurance of \$150,000, distributed in 16 companies. The origin is yet a matter of speculation.

A Suicide in Massachusetts.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., April 4.—Rice Munn Reynolds, one of the best known citizens of Monson, has committed suicide by shooting. No cause is assigned. He was born in Monson, Dec. 18, 1838.

Artilleryman Drowned.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Four artillerymen from Fort Slocum were overturned in a boat in Long Island sound. Three were taken ashore, but it is thought the fourth was drowned.

Judge Brewer's Wife Dead.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The wife of Justice Brewer of the supreme court died last night.

At a very imposing luncheon given by a well-known stock broker recently, the host was dilating with much pride and little grammar on the delicacies he had provided.

"I notice you have no aspirates," observed one of them quietly.

"No more I have," replied the stock broker, with crestfallen visage. "But if money can get 'em," he added, "I'll see some of the best in the market next time you're 'ere."—Answers

Shifting the Responsibility.

"It has been proved by half a dozen witnesses," said the police magistrate, "that you are selling bread under weight. Have you any explanation to offer?"

"The flour's so bad these days, your honor," replied the honest baker, looking the magistrate fearlessly in the eye, "that my conscience won't let me sell it to the people in greater quantities than I can help."—Chicago Tribune.

A Reckless Career.

To write in prose he first essayed, And oh, the failure that he made! 'Twas then he took to writing verse, And thus he went from bad to worse.

—Town Topics.

TERRIBLE PUNISHMENT.



Governess—Now you have heard, dearie, how the terrible wolf tore the innocent little lamb to pieces. How should it be punished, do you think? Elsa—They should wash him and clean his teeth.—Fliegende Blaetter.

Her Comment.

"I'm wedded to my art," he said. And she (a shrew, of course), Replied: "Your art I am afraid Is thinking of divorce."—Washington Star.

Baby Talk.

"How well the baby talks," remarked the visitor.

"Doesn't he?" returned the proud father?

"What is he saying?" asked the visitor.

"Um—well," replied the proud father, hesitatingly. "I guess you'd better ask his mother about that."—Chicago Post.

Always on the Wrong Track.

"That's just the way things go."

"What's the matter now?"

"Here's a scientist inventing two-headed butterflies, when he ought to be helping the world get rid of one-headed flies and mosquitoes."—Detroit Free Press.

Putting Into Practice.

Mamma—Dorothy, do you know who ate my raisins?

Dorothy (turning over the leaves of her book more rapidly)—Mamma, you told me yesterday some things are better left unsaid. Isn't that one of them, don't you s'pose?—Judge.

Not Literary.

"De Millions didn't propose to Miss Filmflam."

"What made him decide not to?"

"He took her to see his handsome library, and she said it would be a lovely place to give a big progressive eulchre."—Detroit Free Press.

He Expected Too Much.

Mr. Skylites—I dislike to mention it, Mrs. Hasher, but really I think your board is altogether too plain.

Mrs. Hasher—Too plain, eh? What kind of board do you expect for \$3 a week—polished mahogany?—Chicago Daily News.

A Great Picture.

Bill—How long was your friend, the artist, working on that canvas?

Jill—Eight years. Took him six months to paint it, and seven and a half years trying to sell it.—Yonkers Statesman.

The Reason.

Soiled Spooner—Sawir' wood is one kind o' work dat don't tire me.

Seldum Pedd—De dickens it don't! Why not?

Soiled Spooner—Bereuz I don't do it.

—N. Y. World.

As a Matter of Course.

Edith—I suppose you were at the wedding?

Helen—Oh, yes.

Edith—How did the bride appear?

Helen—Triumphant, of course.—Harlem Life.

Greatest of Them All.

"Wagner is not so bad, after all."

"Why?"

"They say he has never written anything that can be whistled."—Chicago Record.

No Trouble at All.

Kind Old Gentleman—Why have you had trouble with this poor little boy?

Johnny Easterside (haughtily)—No trouble at all, mister, I done him up with one hand.—Brooklyn Life.

A Distinction.

Stranger (to Highlander in full uniform)—Sandy, are you cold with the kilt?

Sandy—Na, mon, but I'm nigh kilt wi' the cauld.—Detroit Free Press.

He Hoped Not.

She—Do you suppose if I cast my bread upon the water, it would return to me after many days?

He—I hope not, dear. —Yonkers



Two questions

with common-sense answers. "How long should a man's legs be," somebody asked Abraham Lincoln, and he said, "Long enough to reach from his body to the ground."

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Five rooms, lower floor, East avenue.....	10 00
Cottage, Knapp avenue.....	10 00
Four rooms, 130 Wickham avenue.....	8 00
Cottage, seven rooms, Halford street.....	18 00
Five rooms, second floor, James street.....	10 00
Five rooms, third floor.....	8 00
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A VERY NARROW ESCAPE.

Jumped from a Moving Train and Sustained Painful Injuries.

Hiram Gilson and Hezekiah Storms, of Monroeville, came to this city, Sunday afternoon, about 3:30, to visit O. and W. Conductor Charles Doell, who is a relative at Gilson's. The two alighted at the Erie depot, near the Wells, Fargo office, while the train was running about thirty miles an hour.

As they alighted Gilson tripped and fell near the wheels, so close that a boxing struck him, lacerating one of his ears and breaking his right collar bone, while a wheel passed over two fingers of his right hand.

His companion went to his assistance, and after a search for a physician, found Dr. Silvers, who dressed the wounds and then took him to Thrall Hospital in the patrol wagon.

There Dr. Mills amputated the fingers at the first joint. Gilson was still at the hospital, to-day.

Holy Week Services at St. Joseph's.

The services this week at St. Joseph's will be as follows: Thursday, high mass and procession at 9 o'clock. The church will be decorated and open for visitors until 9 p. m.

Friday's services include the blessing of the cross at 9 o'clock, and at Saturday's 8 o'clock mass will occur the blessing of the holy water and incense used during the year.

Confessions will be heard Thursday at 3 and 7 p. m.

Reopening of the Public Schools.

The public schools of this city reopened, to-day, after the spring vacation. As is always the case at the opening of the spring term there is great pressure for places in the primary rooms and this pressure is likely to be increased later on, when the weather becomes settled and more small children begin the educational careers.

Chose the Right Spot for Fainting.

A young woman fainted on James street, Saturday night, in front of B. B. Williams. She was carried inside and a little 1890 brandy brought her around, aided by some work on the part of Dr. Schultz, and when a carriage arrived she was taken to her home.

Will Be Sergeant-Major of the Twelfth Battalion.

Sergeant Frank B. Hathaway, one of the 24th's most reliable non-commissioned officers, is slated for Sergeant-Major of the Twelfth Battalion, of which Lieut. Stivers has just been made quartermaster.

Much Business for the Grand Jury.

The grand jury in attendance on the Supreme Court in session in Newburgh, this week, will have much business to transact. There will be twenty-four complaints submitted to it.

Nymeneal Notes.

The wedding of Clarence Munson and Miss Bessie Joline occurs at 3:30, tomorrow, at the bride's home on Linden avenue.

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New York, April 4, '98.

Yesterday	To-day	Close
Am. Bond	115 1/2	115 1/2
Am. Bond	100	102 1/2
Am. Bond	90 1/2	92
Am. Bond	28 1/2	30
Am. Bond	32 1/2	33
Am. Bond	57	—
Am. Bond	39 1/2	20 1/2
Am. Bond	11 1/2	11 1/2
Am. Bond	91 1/2	93 1/2
Am. Bond	87 1/2	88 1/2
Am. Bond	84 1/2	85 1/2
Am. Bond	150 1/2	150 1/2
Am. Bond	92	91 1/2
Am. Bond	12 1/2	—
Am. Bond	106 1/2	108
Am. Bond	14 1/2	—
Am. Bond	—	—
Am. Bond	10 1/2	17
Am. Bond	118	119 1/2
Am. Bond	109 1/2	111 1/2
Am. Bond	26	27
Am. Bond	10	10 1/2
Am. Bond	19 1/2	20 1/2
Am. Bond	54 1/2	56
Am. Bond	48 1/2	50 1/2
Am. Bond	95 1/2	96
Am. Bond	23 1/2	24 1/2
Am. Bond	10 1/2	11 1/2
Am. Bond	128	128 1/2
Am. Bond	28 1/2	29 1/2
Am. Bond	26	27 1/2
Am. Bond	106	106 1/2
Am. Bond	29 1/2	30 1/2
Am. Bond	25 1/2	26 1/2
Am. Bond	89 1/2	90 1/2
Am. Bond	8 1/2	9 1/2

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to be rid of, because bad blood is the breeding place of disfiguring and dangerous diseases. Is your blood bad? It is if you are plagued by pimples or bothered by boils, if your skin is blotched by eruptions or your body eaten by sores and ulcers. You can have good blood, which is pure blood, if you want it. You can be rid of pimples, boils, blotches, sores and ulcers. How? By the use of

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